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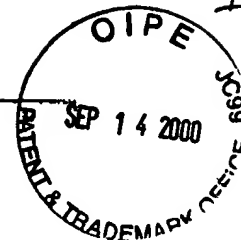
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**VERIFIED STATEMENT (DECLARATION) CLAIMING SMALL ENTITY
STATUS (37 CFR 1.9(f) AND 1.27(b)) - INDEPENDENT INVENTOR(S)**

As below named inventors, we hereby declare that we qualify as independent inventors as defined in 37 CFR 1.9(c) for purposes of paying reduced fees under section 41(a) and (b) of Title 35, United States Code, to the Patent and Trademark Office with regard to the invention entitled SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR A VIRTUAL NETWORK OPERATIONS CENTER described in

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